

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Ninth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Ninth Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1.2% (1,486) of these admissions reside in the Ninth Worcester Representative District. 1% (11) of admissions from the Ninth Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Ninth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 77% were male and 23% were female.
- 71% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 71% were white non-Latino, 7% were black non-Latino, 18% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 71 % were never married, 11% were married, and 18% reported not to be married now.
- 34% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 14% were employed.
- 55% were homeless.
- 17% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Ninth Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	29%	61%	2%	3%	3%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b> <b>Ninth Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	413	352	135	119	80	112	83
<b>FY '96</b>	610	495	204	224	152	271	192
<b>FY '97</b>	614	471	197	210	122	278	234
<b>FY '98</b>	465	356	152	114	58	140	98
<b>FY '99</b>	524	429	168	136	75	163	131
<b>FY '00</b>	639	485	237	200	133	300	221
<b>FY '01</b>	713	532	209	190	114	335	256
<b>FY '02</b>	1,486	885	321	386	241	998	750